

## **Abstract**

### **Regulation of lobbying in the Czech Republic including a proposal de lege ferenda**

Transparent lobbying and his regulation is natural and necessary part of functioning of democratic states. Regulation of lobbying done by legislation is supposed to be a fundamental element of transparency of democracies in 21<sup>st</sup> century; an essential element of an integrated system of development in approximation of civil society and public institutions, mutual trust and transparency in mutual relations. Regulated lobbying should enable citizens of a democratic society to exercise their right to public control of processes associated with the formation of laws, legal norms of lesser legal force and other important decisions.

This thesis describes the current situation (March 2016) in the regulation of lobbying in the Czech Republic and choses, by author, suitable alternatives of solution to the lobbying regulation in the future. Due to the fact that lobbying is not regulated or defined by any law in the Czech Republic, lobbying is often pejoratively confused with corruption and generally misunderstood and negatively perceived by the public. The aim of the thesis is to present possible views on the solution to the problematic of regulation of lobbying in Czech Republic.

The thesis is divided into two chapters. The first three subsections of the first chapter are dealing with definition of lobbying in the process of communication, the general and legal definitions of basic terms (lobbying, lobbyist, lobbying entity) and theoretical determination of the scope of regulation and control instruments. The fourth subsection states a brief description of the regulation of lobbying in selected countries (Germany, France, Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania, Hungary, Canada and the USA) and in the European Union. The fifth subsection deals with the genesis of the draft regulation of lobbying in the Czech Republic.

The second chapter is devoted to the draft regulation of lobbying in the Czech Republic. Based on the definition of the target describes the recommended basic definitions, the recommended guidelines and procedures of regulation and the recommended alternative solution, including its advantages and disadvantages.